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Via ECFS
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I get my internet service from a local provider that leases copper wire from AT&T. My provider is in the process of deploying fiber to provide high-speed service. I chose my provider after years of frustration with my previous Internet service and the unsatisfactory alternatives offered by AT&T and Comcast.

I had no interest in the bundled communications-plus-entertainment products that AT&T and Comcast promoted. These would have cost significantly more than I was currently paying, and I would never have used most of the bundled TV service. By switching carriers, I halved my monthly bill for internet plus phone while obtaining precisely the internet service that I wanted. Moreover, if I have a technical or other problem with my service (which is rare), I can call or walk into my provider's office and get immediate, thoughtful, and personal help. This is an enormous improvement over my previous service and is infinitely better than anything that AT&T or Comcast offers.

I understand that AT&T is asking you to drop or modify the regulation that requires AT&T to allow independent providers and competitors to lease access to its lines in order to offer a competitive service. I am old enough to remember the days when there was a telephone monopoly and the new services that became available when the monopoly was broken up. Requiring that competitors be permitted to operate over the copper wire infrastructure was a key aspect of the monopoly breakup. Acceding to what I understand that AT&T wants would amount to reinstatement of the monopoly of the past and seriously degrade the service I enjoy. Please don't do it.

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